

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS**

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ANSWERED ON

DEVELOPMENTAL DEFICIT DISTRICTS AMONGST MCDs

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Will the Minister of COALMINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi, has identified 'development deficit' districts amongst the minority concentration districts (MCDs) of the country; and
- (b) if so, what are those districts and the steps taken to make them developed to stand on equal footings with other districts?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS

(SALMAN KHURSHID)

(a) and (b) :The Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) conducted the baseline survey to bring out the development deficit in 90 minority concentration districts (MCDs) identified on the basis of data of minority population and specific backwardness parameters of Census 2001. These MCDs, which are relatively backward and falling behind the national average in terms of the specific socio-economic and basic amenities indicators, are located in 20 States / UTs across the country. 53 MCDs which fall behind in both socio-economic and basic amenities indicators have been classified under category "A" and 37 MCDs, which fall behind in either one of the indicators have been classified under category "B". To address the identified development deficits in these MCDs and to bring them at par with the national average, an area development programme called Multi-sectoral Development Programme (MsDP) was launched in 2008-09. The list of MCDs along with the list of projects undertaken under MsDP is enclosed at Annex-I.